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Teacher on porn site pulled from Edgemont class

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Linda Janack, who taught at Edgemont Elementary School during the day and had sex on an on-line, X-rated porn site with her husband at night, has been pulled from the classroom just before the opening of school.

On Monday, after a 43-minute closed-door session with their attorneys, five grim-faced members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to “ratify Supt. [Pete] Kudlak’s decision to place tenured teacher Linda Janack on a paid, non-disciplinary leave of absence until further notice from Mr. Kudlak or this board.”

Absent from the meeting were Trustees Kelly Owen and Simone Pinter.

The board also ratified Supt. Kudlak’s decision that during her leave of absence, Janack may not be present on school property or have contact with students without authorization from administration.

Agenda item 14 d., “Potential Action on Teacher Tenure,” concerning Janack, was deferred to the board’s Sept. 10 meeting.

After the vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Last week, Detroit and Ann Arbor media released stories on Janack, a highly respected and liked, tenured teacher, who with her husband, a teacher in Dearborn Heights, owned and had sex on a porn site, “Hot for Teachers,” on their own time since January.

News stories had quoted a 2010 Michigan Court of Appeals ruling that a public school teacher cannot be fired for private behavior that does not adversely affect students.

A Channel 4 television reporter and cameraman were at Monday’s school board meeting to record the board’s decision in front of a small audience in the administration building, where the board meets during the summer months.

After the meeting, Supt. Kudlak told Channel 4, “We didn’t want her in the classroom around kids at this point. So that was part of the administrative leave. To make sure she is not on property or around the students.”

No comments from the audience were offered

on Janack or anything else during the meeting. But, reportedly parents had complained to the district about the teacher and news media and at least one parent had threatened to pull her child from the district if Janack was in the classroom when school started.

Local social media showed much support for the teacher who, it was said, broke no laws and taught the students well.

One school official, who preferred not to

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VBT attorney to address Michigan Supreme Court on leave to appeal

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Wayne County Circuit Court last year turned down Van Buren Township’s law suit against Visteon for not planning to help with the upcoming bond payments that tax capture will not cover in the fall of 2019.

The Wayne County court agreed with Visteon that VBT’s motion for summary disposition on the ground that VBT breach of contract claim and request for a declaratory judgment were not yet “ripe for adjudication” and reversal is not required.

It was too soon to sue since the township had suffered no loss as yet, the court said.

The Michigan Court of Appeals agreed in a May 16, 2017 decision.

But, the township pressed on and its attorney Kaveh Kashef has received approval to give an oral argument on his application to have the case go before the Michigan Supreme Court.

In October he will argue before the Michigan Supreme Court to try to convince it to hear VBT’s appeal of the Court of Appeals decision.

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Independent photos by Reg Ion

Friday’s Battle for Belleville on downtown Main Street pitted World War II soldier reenactors in American, British, and German uniforms on vintage vehicles. This annual promotion for the Air Show at Willow Run had the war vehicles conveying from the airport to the downtown. A battle to save the museum from the Germans was “fought” with a lot of loud gun shots and “injured” soldiers on the ground. After the battle, children picked up the brass cartridges left in the street.



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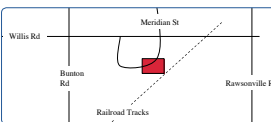
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Independent photos by Bob Mytych

Last Thursday, those taking part in the annual Belleville Bridge Walk paused for a picture after walking -- and riding -- over the bridge. Each person received a certificate signed by the mayor of Belleville and supervisors of Van Buren and Sumpter Townships. Then, they joined others at Horizon Park for the annual Taste of Belleville. Both the Bridge Walk and the Taste were postponed from the previous Thursday when there was a rainstorm.

Michigan clerks get FOIAs for ballots from 2016 general election

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Municipal clerks in the tri-community are among those throughout the state who are being asked for copies of the ballots from the Nov. 8, 2016 election for President of the United States.

Van Buren Township Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery said there is a lot of time and effort involved in making true copies of all the ballots and all the envelopes from the absentee ballots, as requested, as well as the other items requested.

VBT Deputy Clerk Montgomery said she initially estimated a fee of between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for making the 42,000 copies necessary because there are three ballot sides, but the township has asked for an extension to 15 days to respond to the request.

Montgomery said VBT has a plotter, which copies blueprints, so they are able to do true copies in the original size. She said some municipalities are offering a smaller size, which is a huge difference in cost and some officials suggest she do the same. On Tuesday she said they are doing a review before sending it on to the township attorney for his final review later that day.

There are 11 separate categories of requests for ballot information on the two-page Freedom of Information Act request that arrived locally on Aug. 20.

Belleville City Clerk Sherri Scharf said the state elections director confirmed that all clerks in Michigan received the request and all clerks are advised to confer

with their attorneys. On Monday she said the request is being reviewed by the city attorney.

Sumpter Township Deputy Clerk Dawn Hadyniak said Sumpter received the FOIA request and the township has filed an extension so they can further assess time and cost.

The FOIA request includes a statement: "Please note that the Michigan Attorney General has concluded that cast ballots are public records, and a person must be allowed to receive copies of cast ballots upon request. See Michigan Attorney General Opinion Nol.7247 (May 13, 2010)."

In a news report, Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc said his staff is working on a response to the request and some clerks have received deposits to begin the work.

The requestor is someone named Emily on behalf of United Action Group with a post office box in Astoria, New York. Under law the ballots must be kept for 22 months after an election and this expires in September.

VBT Deputy Clerk Montgomery said she guesses they are trying to find out if there was any tampering or hacking of the 2016 election to influence the results.

She said she's confident that there was no tampering with the VBT election.

Belleville Clerk Scharf said since she is the only person in the city clerk's office the thought of having to do all this is daunting,

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Carol Thompson, at left, coordinator for the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, and Belleville City Manager Diana Kollmeyer handed out certificates signed by officials of the tri communities to each person taking part in the Bridge Walk.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Donna Stewart wants to put on free craft show

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Donna Stewart sat patiently through a work/study session and a regular meeting agenda and then got up to speak. She asked for permission to use the community center gym for a free craft show for Sumpter residents. She'd like to have it an annual event so the many crafters in the township could have a place to sell their creations.

"I will organize it and be responsible for cleanup," she said, noting she would like it to run three days: Sept. 21, 22, 23. "We do have a lot of crafters," she stressed.

Township attorney Rob Young said if it was a township-sponsored event, space would be free. She said she'd be glad to reach into her pocket and pay \$50, but Clerk Esther Hurst said private use of the gym is \$250 – per day. Supervisor John Morgan said they should have Parks and Rec sponsor it, but Sharon Pokerwinski said Stewart would have to come to a Parks and Rec meeting to get approved and they meet the third Wednesday of the month. "Too late for me," Stewart noted, since that would be just before her event.

Attorney Young tried again, saying seniors could sponsor it, but that didn't work. Trustee Don Swinson offered to donate \$250 for one day and Young donated another \$250. Republican candidate for trustee Tim Rush donated the final \$250. Now they have to make sure those dates are clear at the gym. Stay tuned. It may work out.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We received an email from a member of the North Wall Rider's Association. The group may be able to help the military veteran who wrote a recent letter about needing help with his teeth. The members are dedicated to helping vets and said they may be able to help our writer with his problem. What great news. They contacted us to find out how to get in contact with him.

The veterans' support group is based in Windsor, Ontario. The representative said that because of many scams they need two things: proof of military service and estimate of dental work needed.

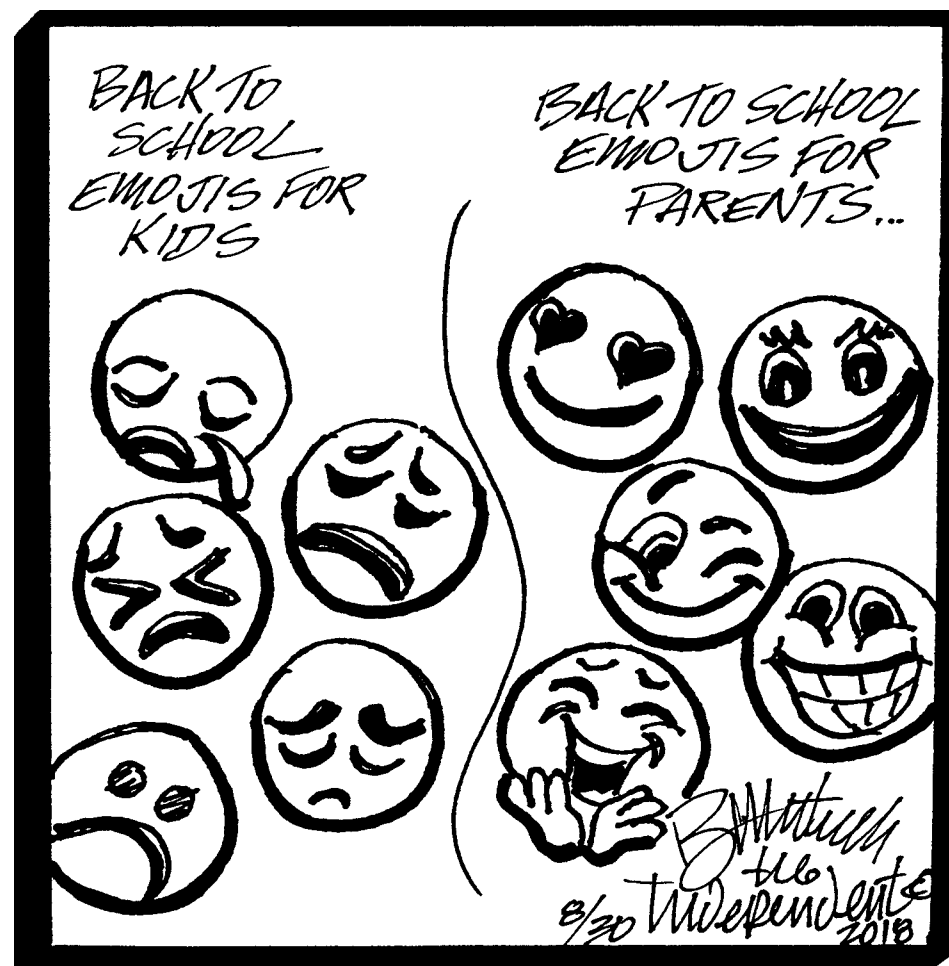
The offer of help was a pleasant surprise to the letter writer's family, who said they didn't like the idea of him writing a letter, but it turned out to bring hope of some help.

Last week both Van Buren Park beach on Belleville Lake and the beach at Banotai Park (the former Sherwood Park) in Sumpter Township were closed for swimming because the county found high e.coli levels.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality closed 11 beaches across the state because of high bacteria levels.

In addition, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has been issuing "Do Not Eat" fish advisories for all fish in the Huron River in Livingston, Oakland, and Washtenaw counties. The advisory has not come down the river yet into Wayne County and Belleville Lake but they continue testing.

The contaminants in the Huron River are



high PFOS and PFAS levels – perfluoralkyl and perfluorooctane sulfonate.

The state said touching the fish or water and swimming in these water bodies is not considered a health concern, as PFAS, which includes PFOS, do not move easily through the skin. An occasional swallow of river or lake water is also not considered a health concern. Just, don't eat the fish from those areas.

At about 1:34 p.m. Monday there was a false fire alarm at the Sumpter Township Hall. It was called out to the fire department as a commercial fire alarm and then, a few minutes later, cancelled.

This is the second recent false fire alarm at the township hall. The first one was Aug. 17 at about 8:37 a.m.

At the time we were told employees were concerned and evacuated because workers had been installing the three new air conditioners and three new furnaces recently approved. Also, there was a reported smell that could have been gas.

Monday's fire alarm was not accompanied by any report of gas odor.

Van Buren Township resident Reg Ion reported that after last Friday's Battle for Belleville he was heading north over the Belleville Road bridge over I-94 when he saw an old Jeep in front of him being towed by an old personnel carrier. The rest of the WWII vehicles from Yankee Air Museum

had gone on back to Willow Run Airport and just these two were moving slowly, with a WWII reenactor on the back of the Jeep motioning drivers to go around them.

Reg said the Jeep didn't have tail lights that worked and you couldn't see if the personnel carrier in front had tail lights. Reg just pulled up behind them, put on his emergency flashers, and accompanied the WWII vehicles back to Willow Run. That story could have had a very different ending if Reg hadn't joined in.

On Monday, at about 3:40 p.m., Van Buren Township fire department was asked to come for mutual aid to Willow Run Airport because a plane was having difficulty. They were asked to stage on Tyler Road. Then, the plane landed safely. Sigh of relief all around.

At Monday's school board meeting, School Supt. Pete Kudlak reported that last week he and Director of Instruction Jeff Moore visited band camp and then went to BHS' first football game, which it won. Supt. Kudlak said there are 306 marching band members at BHS now and they fill up the field from the 20-yard line to the 20-yard line. He said the band is larger than the high school he graduated from.



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Letters

When will Van Buren residents take action?

To the editor:

I have to add to the story about Sumpter questioning Republic Waste about the waste we put out each week. I live in Belleville, near the majestic methane mountains of Van Buren. My family puts out almost more recyclables than trash. It would be a real waste (pun) to find out that all our work, mine and others, is going to the landfill, rather than the recyclable services we pay for.

I have wondered during my 10 years of being here, just how long before Van Buren becomes a superfund clean up. The powers that be, for many years, have sold out your long-term safety, just for tipping fees and huge piles of waste. Now you have the radioactive waste coming in. Why hasn't the public become furious knowing that materials that have half lives that extend to hundreds of thousands of years, if not longer, are in your town?

Regardless of what the so-called experts have told your leaders, anything man made can and will fail. So, who is going to want waste like that leeching into the ground around you and even worse, the water we hold special to our enjoyment and needs?

Van Buren has made it where all of us that live in the shadow of the trash mountains face health issues that will become evident as time goes by. Where are the people to hold pitchforks and torches to march on township's leaders?

People complain about the life that drug addicts live and how it destroys all of those around them; Van Buren has become so addicted to the monies that the waste companies pay out, that they have sold our health out.

Just like typical powers that be, their only worries are about their own terms in office. Any decisions they make now will be someone else's problem in years to come. We, need to nip that in the bud, now.

Van Buren took the money and, unlike Belleville and Sumpter who struggle to get a business tax base, Van Buren took the health of all of our residents, and tried to sell us damaged goods as a gateway city. Take away the dumps, Van Buren would struggle like the rest of us. Remember the asbestos and cigarettes lawsuits? Why will it have to be us? Now I have to suffer, unable to change what goes on in another township that affects my loved ones' lives and those around me.

When the water is contaminated and the ground we step on glows in the dark, will that be finally it? Will next-to-nothing property values lead us to action? Love

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Canal in Buffalo, NY, still is a dead piece of land, from the 1970s. Is everyone in Van Buren that clueless? When will you take action?

Bob Balderston
Belleville

Consideration for others

To the editor:

Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate for the last two Lakeside Music events this year and they were forced inside. As a lifelong member of the Belleville Methodist Church and a member of the Music Lakeside Committee, I feel I should clarify something about statements made by Mr. Gary Fulton in last week's paper.

First of all, the Belleville Methodist Church graciously opens its doors to many organizations and also houses the local food closet. They allow the Music Lakeside to use their facility when the weather doesn't allow it outside as was the case the last two weeks. It is out of respect for the church and consideration for those who attend the event that you were asked not to have your dog in the sanctuary. I think it is one thing to have dogs outside, (and I have had a dog all my life), but in an enclosed environment with many dogs together they can react differently. Some people have allergies; dogs can bark and disrupt the program; etc., etc., etc.

So please, I'm just saying, the church is not to blame because of the weather. It seems only common sense and consideration of others that you were asked not to bring your dog into the sanctuary. As far as eating in the Narthex, I don't know that anyone from the church said that.

Cheryl Wagner
Van Buren Township

Disappointed with Gary Fulton comments

To the editor:

Wow, Gary, it's your way or the highway. I don't know how you make it through the day with such inconsiderate people who don't want dogs or food in their building.

It's fantastic that the church opens its doors when there is bad weather. What a wonderful gesture on their behalf.

Hey, Gary, what if it was moved to the school gym and they said no pets. I guess you would never send your kids to that school, eh? I think the church is very lucky you have elected not to join.

Jeff Kotlarek
Romulus

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More Letters

Help League of Women Voters with yard sale

To the editor:

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To the editor:

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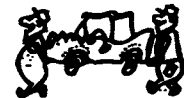
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Obituaries



Marcus "Dean" Sanders

MARCUS 'DEAN' SANDERS

Marcus "Dean" Sanders, age 84 of Marion, VA, passed away Monday, August 20, 2018, at the Bristol Regional Medical Center with his sister and daughter by his side.

Dean was born in Rhodell, WV to the late Raymond and Nellie Sanders and was preceded in death by his wife Shirley Ann; his daughter Vicki Lynn; his brother William Noah and dearly loved brothers in law, sisters in law and a niece.

Dean was a veteran of the US Army and was retired as a supervisor in the aircraft mechanic field. He loved horseshoes, a good game of cards and most of all his family.

He is survived by his daughter Sharon Lee and husband Roy; sons Marcus Sanders, Richard Sanders and wife Leigh Anne; sister Ella Winfrey; grandchildren Mandi, Micah and wife Cheryl, Megan and husband Zachary, Corey and Shelby; Great-Grandchildren Reuben, Yzabelle and Jakob; many relatives and friends to include special friends Gary and Marilyn Phillips and Eula Johnson.

Funeral services were Saturday, August 25, 2018, at the Bradley's Funeral Home. Interment followed in Marchant Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.bradleysfh.com.



Ruby Newsome

RUBY NEWSOME

(July 8, 1945 – August 26, 2018)

Age 73 of Romulus, died peacefully at Beaumont Hospital, Oakwood Campus, Sunday evening, August 26, 2018.

Ruby is the beloved mother of Billy (Stacy) Rader of Romulus, Debra (Keith) Morgan of Austin, Texas and Robert Rader of Belleville; cherished sister of Brenda (Don) Stacy, Everett (Wanda) Hollandsworth, Eddie Hollandsworth and David Hollandsworth. Mrs. Newsome is also survived by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A funeral service honoring Ruby's life was held at 11 AM, Wednesday, August 26, in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, (734) 697-4500. Visitation was held from 10 AM to the time of service. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

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DEWEY H. ALEXANDER, JR.

(November 11, 1929 – August 27, 2018)

Age 88, lifelong Belleville-area resident. Survived by three children, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a brother. Visitation at David C. Brown Funeral Home from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31.
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Teacher

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be identified, said the teacher embarrassed the whole school district with her activity.

In other business at the first part of Monday's meeting the board:

- Pulled from the agenda a vote on the six-month, tentative agreement between the Van Buren Educational Association and the district because four votes were needed to pass the contract and only four members were present at that time. Treasurer Susan Featheringill would have to recuse herself from the vote because her daughter was covered by the contract. Although Secretary Kevin English came in late to the meeting, he couldn't vote either because his wife is a teacher. A special meeting will be called to ratify the contract, which would run through December 2018;

- Approved putting the Career Technical Center building and property at 414 and 420 Sumpter Road up for sale through Paul Armstrong with Mi Choice Realty at a total price of \$725,000. The property includes a salt barn and five trailers on 8.15 acres;

- Approved terminations of the following teachers: Eva Simon after one year at Haggerty EDC for a job opportunity; Jordyn Hovis, after 1.5 years at McBride Middle School, for a job opportunity; Jasmine Bates, after four years at McBride, for a job opportunity; Kristine Pipok, after five years at Belleville High School, for a job opportunity; Cynthia Neubauer, after 25 years at Owen, Tyler, and Rawsonville, to retire; Renee Rook, after three years at McBride, for person reasons; Gregory Kirk, after five years at Owen, for a job opportunity; Dawn McFarlin of McBride; and Reni Woods of BHS for a job opportunity;

- Approved hiring the following teachers: Melissa Michel to teach English at BHS; Sandra Martinez to teach Spanish at McBride; Lisa Swingle, Instructional Coach at Rawsonville; Kelli Kubrak to teach English Language Arts at McBride; David Turner to teach math at McBride; Devin Girbach to teach social studies at McBride; Jackie Swisher to teach ECP at Haggerty ECDC; Jessica Romak to teach U.S. History at BHS; Maggie Jones to teach fifth grade at Owen; Jessica Argiero to teach English at BHS; Anastazia Wyborski to teach in New Tech at BHS; Sabrina Ali to teach fifth grade at Owen; Laurie Garden to teach at Rawsonville; and Demeatrice Brooks for the Resource classroom at McBride;

- Approved the resignation of non-instructional staff member Deborah Siedlaczek after one year of service at Haggerty ECDC to work closer to home; and

- Approved the hiring of Lynn Johnson for maintenance in the Building and Grounds Department; Kristine Larocque as a secretary in the Transportation Department; and Stefanie Steffes as a paraprofessional in the Special Services Department.

More Letters

St. Anthony Men's Club thanks you for support

To the editor:

St. Anthony Men's Club Golf outing held at Fellows Creek Golf Course on July 15 was a complete success. The Men's Club would like to thank the 60 golfers who participated. After the round of golf the players were treated to a brunch of chicken with all the trimmings.

St. Anthony Men's Club would like to thank all the sponsors who also helped to make the outing a success:

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Special thank you to Brian Brown and his staff at Fellows Creek Golf Course for all their help and services, also to Ted and Debbie Wisniewski, Matt Cosgro, Pete Pitzen, John Zaroff, Leonard and Antoinette Szveda for all their volunteer work putting this event together.

Len Szveda

St. Anthony Men's Club, Belleville

GriefShare group to meet in Romulus from Sept. 6 through Dec. 20

A grief-recovery seminar and support group will meet at Romulus Wesleyan Church, now known as 5 Points Church, in Romulus, each Thursday from Sept. 6 through Dec. 20. The church is located at 37300 Goddard Road at Huron River Drive. A \$15 registration fee will include a workbook/journal and weekly handouts. More information on the program is available by calling the church at (734) 941-1511 or on the web at www.griefshare.org.



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More Letters

No real Catholic would say to remove God

To the editor:

I do not reside in Belleville, but I was very disturbed by an article in your paper a few months back concerning "God" being

on our currency and used in other forms in our nation. The article condemned this for supposed separation of church and state. This person's faith as a Catholic was mentioned and Lincoln was misquoted out of context as to what he was saying. History was served up as a caution.

My response is that as a traditional, orthodox Catholic, I strongly refute this. No real Catholic would ever say that "God" should be removed, as she suggested. No

one would. This country was founded on this principle. Read our Declaration of Independence. Read our constitution. Read all of our 50 State Preambles. Read what many presidents have said.

Secondly, I'm going to quote a communist, Saul Alinsky, who wrote a paper on how you destroy a democracy in eight steps. He died in 1972. He was admired by several of our past administrations' government officials and some of our current ones.

1. Healthcare – control it and you control the people.
2. Poverty – increase it as high as possible.
3. Debt – increase it to an unsustainable level.
4. Gun control – remove the people's ability to defend themselves.
5. Welfare – force people to depend on the government for everything.
6. Education – take control of what people read and listen to and what children learn in school.
7. Religion – remove the belief of "God" from the government and the schools.
8. Class warfare – divide the people into the wealthy and the poor.

Thirdly, does any of this sound familiar? Look at the communist takeover in Mexico in the 1930s and the thousands of thousands of Catholics murdered in churches and hung on telephone poles all over Mexico. Do you think history doesn't repeat itself to an uninformed public? Look at the 20th century and even in our most recent history, including this country. Are people really aware?

Lincoln said this: "It is the duty of nations, as well of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of 'GOD' and to recognize the sublime truth announced in Holy Scripture and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose 'GOD' is the 'Lord'."

That is in context.

Gary Gifford
Ypsilanti

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To: David C. Brown Funeral Home
Dear Shelly and everyone:

Thank you is not a good enough expression to portray my gratitude to you all. Your staff made saying "farewell" to my sister Patricia Weaver so much easier for myself and all her loved ones to endure.

I'd like to especially mention John, whose care and help during and after the service made me feel so good and cared for. He is truly a blessing, and was one to me. I was so lost and out of it and John made sure I remembered EVERYthing.

When I got home, in the family bag you gave me I found that lovely remembrance candle with Patty's picture on it with roses, her favorite flower.

I feel you treated my family like you would your own. Please accept my most heartfelt thanks for all you did for me and for my sister.

Ferne M. Strauss



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Sept. 3 -- Diane Madigan
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FOIAs

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especially with everything it will take to get ready for the upcoming Nov. 6 election.

Montgomery said other questions have come up, like what if “Emily” wants to review the ballots first. She said state law mandates a chain of custody that allows only so many people to be able to touch the ballots, so she would have to turn the ballots for “Emily” to see. And, the ballot bags have to be unsealed and then resealed each day, with time spent documenting this. And, after agreeing to respond, the municipalities have to get it done in a reasonable time. With the big, mid-term election coming, time for the clerk’s office would have to be measured out, with documentation on why they couldn’t do more during that time span.

“There are so many things to think about,” Montgomery said.

According to a Tuesday night report in *The Detroit News*, the organization behind the FOIA requests was Priorities USA Action, a self-described progressive Super Pac which spent \$6.4 million for Clinton and \$126 million against Trump in the 2016 election.

According to the report, the group contracted a third party to request the copies of Michigan ballots. Trump won Michigan by 10,000 votes over Clinton in the 2016 election. According to the media report, donors to Priorities USA in 2015-16 were George Soros, James Simons, and Fred Eychaner.

Community Chorus resuming rehearsals, singers welcome

If you like to sing, the Belleville Community Chorus, with new director Suzanna Mathews, invites you to join it as it embarks on its 13th year of presenting diverse vocal selections for the enjoyment of the tri-community.

Whether you sing soprano, alto, tenor, bass, or you’re not really sure, you are welcome. They will find a place for you.

The Belleville Community Chorus is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers of all ages who love to sing. Using a variety of choral music, it intends performances to provide enrichment, education, and enjoyment for its members and audiences in all of the Belleville-area communities.

Rehearsals are 7 p.m. every Monday beginning Sept. 10 at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville. The chorus will be performing its fall concert in December. If you are interested in joining this engaging, fun group, just show up at the first rehearsal on the 10th. Note, this year the chorus is especially hoping to increase its men’s sections.

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Supreme Court

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Phillip Derosier will argue on behalf of Visteon. Then, the court will decide whether to hear the appeal.

At a recent township meeting, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said while the Michigan Township Association declined joining Van Buren Township in the law suit, the MTA has changed its mind and will join in with VBT in the suit.

Supervisor McNamara said the MTA agrees the decision on this case could affect other townships in the state.

In 2013, when he first started working for the township on the Visteon bonds issue, Kashef was associated with Clark Hill law firm. Recently, he joined Giffels Webster.

In a recent Local Development Finance Authority meeting, the 2017 audit by Plante Moran was discussed.

The audit explained the situation with the bonds: "The township has pledged a portion of future property tax revenue to repay \$18,779,656 in LDFA bonds issued in 2003 and a portion refunded in 2006, and then refunded in 2015 to finance various capital improvements.

"The bonds are payable solely from the incremental property taxes captured by the LDFA and were originally projected to produce 100% of debt service requirements over the lives of the bonds. Current economic conditions are resulting in annual captures being less than annual debt service payments.

"Total principal and interest remaining in bonds are \$39,157,400, payable through 2032. For the current year (2017), principal and interest paid and total property tax captures were \$1,126,265 and \$514,807, respectively."

Plante Moran also stated in the audit report: "All required payments on the bonds are guaranteed by the township in the event that the LDFA is unable to make required payments. Because it has been determined that the township will more likely than not be required to make a payment under this obligation, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 70, the township has recorded a liability on its financial statements for the guarantee. However, the LDFA has not been released from its obligation on this debt."

According to the audit, beginning in 2019, the LDFA will be paying on the principal, as well as the interest, so its total payment in 2019 will be \$2,073,206, up from the total of \$521,081 in interest only in 2018.

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Work continues on the pedestrian walkway along Belleville Road over I-94. Due to the quantity of bolts and the splicing required, setting the beam using the planned intermittent 15-minute freeway closing procedure has been deemed as not realistic. The solution of "ramping" was proposed by the contractor and accepted by MDOT. This will reroute traffic by using the exit and entrance ramps to divert the traffic during the beam setting process. MDOT will advise the contractor which weekend (Friday and Saturday) this will occur. The hours for beam setting will be from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. with one side being set on each of the nights. Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Susan Ireland said they still anticipate that the bridge will be open to the public in early November.



The Town Place Suites is under construction at the northeast corner of the North I-94 Service Drive and Quirk Road. The idea for the project started in 2014 when the owners of the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites bought the 11.2 acres between it and the Wayne County Fairgrounds from Bob Jacobs of Jacobs Boots and Saddles.

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Threads 'N' Treasures Quilt Shop owner Kay Atkins wants the community to know that she's still open, despite announcing last spring that she's retiring. Everything in the store is on sale, including fabric, notions, patterns, books, quilts, samples, and more. Located at 129 South Street, the business is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (734) 697-9376.

Today's paper features an insert by Tractor Supply Inc. with locations nearby in Saline, Monroe, and Trenton, and coming in Canton on Michigan Avenue between Morton Taylor and Sheldon Roads in the spring of 2019. Visit www.tractorsupply.com. To learn more on how you can have your advertisement or flyer inserted into this newspaper, call me at (734) 699-9020.

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Waltz Bridge Update: Finally, some good news to report on the closed Waltz Road Bridge in New Boston. The Huron Township's website posted on Aug. 23, that Wayne County Board of Commissioners approved a construction contract with Toebe Construction (Wixom), to reconstruct the Waltz Bridge and demolition should begin shortly. Huron Township Supervisor David Glaab anticipates that equipment will be onsite in a matter of days, and to refer to the township's website for updates at www.hurontownship-mi.gov. The 93-year-old bridge was abruptly closed on June 1, 2017 as a result of inspections that deemed the bridge unsafe for vehicles. A new \$5.4 million bridge will be built with completion by the end of the year, according to the timeline. The pedestrian pathway will remain open throughout most of construction. Can't wait, personally. It's been 14 months of jetting around the closure for those of us living on the south side of New Boston.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter will be holding several pet adoptions, meet-and-greet events next month: Sept. 8 at the Pet Emporium at 2394 E. Stadium Blvd. in Ann Arbor, (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and two on Sept. 15, the Ypsilanti Kroger Store on Whittaker Road (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and the Petco Pet Store on Warren Road across from Westland Mall, (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.). On Sept. 16, FMAR will be at Pet Value in Milan. Their annual Spay-ghetti and No Balls Dinner Fundraiser will take place Sept. 13, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children 13 and up, and \$6 for kids 12 and under. Call (734) 461-9458.

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MULTI-FAMILY CHURCH SALE. Sept. 6, 7 & 8, 9am-3pm. 45170 Hull Rd., Belleville Church of God. Proceeds support single moms' childcare fund. God bless you! 09/06

CHURCH YARD SALE. Cornerstone Christian Church, 44500 Willis, Belleville, MI 48111. Saturday, Sept. 8, 10am-4pm. (weather permitting). 09/06

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2-FAMILY GARAGE SALE. Sept. 13, 14, & 15, 10am-? 46695 Willis Rd., Belleville. 09/13

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- **Tuesday, Sept. 4** – Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Road.
- **Thursday, Sept. 6** – A grief-recovery seminar and support group will meet at Romulus Wesleyan Church, now known as 5 Points Church, in Romulus, starting

at 6 p.m. each Thursday through Dec. 20. Information at (734) 941-1511 or on the web at www.griefshare.org.

• **Saturday, Sept. 8** – Van Buren Eagles Hoedown, 3-8 p.m., featuring Taylor Tucky. 50/50 raffles, dancing, cash door prizes, food prepared by the #3996 Eagle Riders, full cash bar. Free parking. Doors open 3 p.m., band plays 4-8 p.m. Camping available nearby at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Tickets \$10 for ages 13 and up; children 12 and under are free. Tickets at Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., 699-8836, or online at www.foe3996.com. Proceeds to pay the summer taxes.

• **Saturday, Sept. 8** – Moose Lodge #934 is having a steak dinner, Southern Heat Band and a Blues Brothers show at the lodge at 45476 Harris Road at the corner of Sumpter Road. Tickets are \$15 each and are available at the lodge. The dinner is

from 6 to 8 p.m., the band at 8 p.m., and the show at 10 p.m.

• **Sunday, Sept. 9** – Free Sunday Music and Car Show, 2-5 p.m. at September Days

Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Kinfolk Rigg. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 21, 2018

Treasurer Budd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Absent/Excused: Supervisor McNamara. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Director Best, Water and Sewer Director Taylor and an audience of eight (8).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Treasurer Budd outlined the items appearing on the revised agenda.

Treasurer Budd requested the removal of Consent Agenda item # 17 [Approval of Resolution 2018-18 to increase the hourly attorney fee for the firm of Butzel Long from \$300 to \$375 an hour] indicating the item will be sent to the Local Development Finance Authority for a recommendation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session minutes of July 16, 2018, Closed Session minutes of July 16, 2018, Board Meeting minutes of July 17, 2018, Special Work Study Session minutes of July 24, 2018, Board Meeting minutes (Budget Preparation) of August 13, 2018, Board Meeting minutes (Budget Preparation) of August 14, 2018, Prepaid List of July 19, 2018, Prepaid List of July 26, 2018, Prepaid List of August 2, 2018, Prepaid List of August 7, 2018 (Election Inspectors), Prepaid List of August 9, 2018, Prepaid List of August 16, 2018, Voucher List of August 7, 2018, Voucher List of August 21, 2018, Approval of Resolution 2018-15 the 2018 Tax Rate Request, Approval of Resolution 2018-13 and the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement between the Township and Speedway LLC., Approval of the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Command collective bargaining agreement 2018-2021]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

The Township Administrative offices with be closed Monday September 3, 2018 in observance of Labor Day, Clerk Wright thanked his staff and the election workers for all their assistance with the August Primary Election, the Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville August 23, 2018 featuring several Van Buren Township restaurants, Thunder of Michigan 2018 Airshow is August 24 and 25, 2018 at the Willow Run airport, a WWII re-enactment will take place near the Belleville Area museum on Friday August 23, 2018 and the Belleville Council for the Arts will hold an art show November 3-5, 2018 at which the Belleville Community Chorus and the Belleville High School band will perform.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the agreement between the Township and Midwest Recycling Inc. and authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract. Motion Carried. The

agreement allows for the placement of used clothing and shoe recycle/collection bins within the Township. In return the Township would receive six (6) cents per pound. Board members expressed concern over potential blight issues. A representative from Midwest Recycling Inc. indicated the bins would be monitored on a frequent basis and any concerns would be promptly addressed.

Frazier moved, Wright seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 08-21-18 to rezone parcel V125-83-047-99-0007-701 (9275 Haggerty Rd.) from C-1, General Business to OT, Office Technology. Motion Carried. The request has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission and a Public Hearing was held on August 8, 2018 during which no public comment was received. The rezoning allows the applicant to pursue an office technology development on the site.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 08-21-18 (1) changes to the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17 (2) to add the High Tech, Data Processing, and Computer Centers use to the M-1, Light Industrial zoning district. Motion Carried. This change in the current zoning ordinance adds the additional use within the M-1 zoning district.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the special use request to operate a drive thru restaurant at 10573 & 10551 Belleville Road. Motion Carried. The approval allows for a drive thru restaurant in conjunction with a multi-tenant building, located on the east side of Belleville Road, adjacent to Belle Tire. The request has received Planning Commission approval and a Public Hearing was held on August 8, 2018 during which no public comment was received. Miller moved, Martin seconded to approve the petition and Resolution 2018-17 for the abandonment of a portion of the Denton Drain as proved in Chapter 17 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended. Motion Carried. Project “Pancake” is developing the property upon which the beginning portion of the Denton Drain is found. This section of the drain will be abandoned as the property is being developed as a high-tech automotive research facility. The petition and resolution are required by the Michigan Drain Code of 1956 for this abandonment to occur.

REPORTS: Board members received the May 2018 and June 2018 Budgetary Reports. The reports are available at the Clerk’s Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Resident commented on: an abandoned drain at the Grace Lake Corporate center, condition of Haggerty Rd. during the re-construction and thanked the Board, on behalf of the Local Development Finance Authority, for removing consent agenda item #17 from the agenda so that LDFA Commissioners could review the issue.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Treasurer Budd thanked the POLC Command negotiation bargaining unit for their efforts negotiating the current contract. **ADJOURNMENT:** Miller moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion Carried. Leon Wright, Township Clerk Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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- Monday, Sept. 10 -- Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.
- Tuesday, Sept. 11 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority, 2

- p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, Sept. 13 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
 - Monday, Sept. 17 – Van Buren Township

- work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 18 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Sept. 19 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.

- Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

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SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR ZONING VARIANCES

The Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, September 18, 2018 regarding the request for the following dimensional variance.

NATURE OF THE REQUESTS

The township is in receipt of an application requesting a dimensional variance from Section 5.3(a)(4)A. of the zoning ordinance. The request is to construct a 1,750 sq/ft accessory structure, 450 sq/ft greater than the existing principal structure. The site for the requested variance is located at 11811 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst
 Clerk
 Sumpter Township

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Public Notice

INVITATION TO BID

The River Rouge Housing Commission would like to request bid proposals for the total rehabilitation of (2) units on Lenoir Ct due to fire, smoke and water damage.

The scope of work for the units in question are available on the RRHC website.

Your **Sealed Bid** should be submitted in a closed envelope to the Michael J Sloan building on or before August 31, 2018.

Your submission should be in triplicate and in the office no later than 2:00 pm.

Any question can be directed toward -Jarrett Erwin- CFC @
 Jerwin@riverrougehousing.com.

Interested bidders can download the scope of work from the RRHC website:
www.riverrougehousing.com

All bids must be addressed to: River Rouge Housing Commission
 180 Visger Rd
 River Rouge, MI 48218
 Attn: Lori D Long, Executive Director

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The Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, September 18, 2018 regarding the request for a dimensional variance.

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The township is in receipt of an application requesting a dimensional variance from Section 5.3(a)(5) of the zoning ordinance. The applicant is seeking a five (5) foot side yard setback for the siting of an accessory structure. The minimum side yard setback requirement for accessory structures 801 sq/ft to 1,200 sq/ft in area is ten (10) feet. The site for the requested variances is located at 18761 Savage Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

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Ashley Capital angers commission by filling in pond for parking

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"Ashley Capital never said they took it upon themselves to break the law," said an irritated Carol Thompson at the Aug. 22 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission.

Commission chairwoman Thompson, was referring to Ashley Capital's filling in of a pond and construction of a parking lot for trucks at Crosswinds South without coming to the township for approval. This Ashley site is south of Ecorse Road reaching almost to Tyler Road. "You hurt your standing with me and possibly the commission," Thompson said. "This does not allow you to move forward."

Ashley's design engineer, Joseph Webb, stood alone for the corporation, saying the Ashley officials were caught in traffic and probably wouldn't get to the meeting in time to attend.

He had explained, briefly, before Thompson's comments, that Ashley was requesting site plan approval for additional car parking to service the existing Building 1. He said the additional 59 spaces of car parking was for Fed Ex employees and it would alleviate the problems they are having.

The commission then heard reviews on the 59-space parking lot from its planning consultant, McKenna Associates; its engineering consultants, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber,

Inc.; and the township's fire marshal. All the reviews recommended approval of the site plan, with stipulations.

Then, commission vice chairman Donald Boynton mentioned the elephant in the room.

"What about the violation of the filled-in pond?" Boynton asked.

Ron Akers, VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development, pointed out one of the comments by Patrick Sloan of McKenna was that a note be put on the plans that the filling and truck parking in the southern part of the property was not approved by the township and that the proposed changes to the site now are only for the three-acre area for the 59 new parking spaces.

Akers said they needed to come into compliance with an approval by Wayne County in 2017.

"Our issues are that they constructed truck parking without a site plan," Akers said.

Pathways to compliance, he said, include removing the parking and returning the site to its original state. Also, compliance would include rezoning and a change of the master plan. He said if the planning commission does change the map to allow that, there are still a series of steps to take.

Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission, said Ashley applied for a permit for lights and was denied.

"Did they install lights?" she asked and was

told no.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr asked if the site has adequate storm water detention.

Dave Potter, engineering consultant of FTC&H, said on June 29 a letter from Wayne County asked them if they complied with all Wayne County restrictions.

"He's aware we're going to be looking for that," Potter said. "They have to show the engineering at that stage. There is no green light to construct anything."

Vic Franzoi, who was sitting in the audience, got up to address the commission. He identified himself as the spouse of Commissioner Joan Franzoi.

"I live in Van Buren Township," he began, saying he fails to see how Ashley can be coming asking for anything.

"These people did something totally wrong," Franzoi said, adding he thinks the township should tell them to get a shovel and start digging.

"Shame on them. Now they want approval for something else," he said.

Thompson said she agreed this was a serious incident from the applicant.

Design engineer Webb said, "I can answer that" several times during the discussion, but he was ignored and not given the floor to speak.

"This does not allow you to move forward," Thompson said.

Treasurer Budd said, "I certainly agree with you. They should have corrected this before they came to us."

"I agree," said Commissioner Atchinson.

"Appropriate action? What action is appropriate for us to take?" Boynton asked.

Akers said because of the parking lot offense, there are a lot of items on the report that need to be addressed.

Boynton made the motion to postpone preliminary approvals on the 59-space parking lot until conditions have been met -- everything that was spelled out in all of the letters from consultants.

There were nine issues cited in the McKenna review letter and ten in the FTC&H review letter.

In another item at the 42-minute meeting, the commission heard a presentation by Grace Moore, the Planning Department intern, on a Public Participation Plan, which is needed for the township's Redevelopment certificate. It is seeking from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Moore is drafting the plan.

She said while researching the project some plans stood out in the state and when asked which ones, she replied Traverse City and Kalamazoo.

"We want to be higher than Traverse City," Treasurer Budd said.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST TO APPEAL A DECISION OR DETERMINATION MADE BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

The Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, September 18, 2018 regarding the request to appeal a decision or determination made by the building department in the enforcement of the zoning ordinance.

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The township is in receipt of an application requesting the zoning board of appeals to hear and decide on an appeal of a decision or determination made by the building department in the enforcement of the zoning ordinance regarding the denial of a home business license. The site for the proposed home business is located at 19240 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

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Esther Hurst
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Sumpter Township Public Notice

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NATURE OF THE REQUESTS

The township is in receipt of an application requesting dimensional variances from Section 5.3(a)(4)A. and Section 5.3(a)(4) of the zoning ordinance. The first request is to construct a 1,500 sq/ft accessory structure, 136 sq/ft greater than the existing principal structure; the second request is seeking a 500 square foot gross floor area increase for an accessory structure on a parcel 0.50 acres or less; maximum allowable are is 1,000 square feet. The site for the requested variances is located at 45289 Willis Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 399 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Aug. 19:
0103 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0246 – assist other dept., Liberty Ln.
0639 – disorderly, N. Dartmoor Cir.
0700 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
0715 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty
0809 – property damage accident, Hull Rd.
1025 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1208 – family trouble, Peachtree Ln.
1233 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1545 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1812 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1815 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1818 – traffic offense, Denton Rd./Michigan Ave.
1837 – traffic offense, Maple Dr./Oak Blvd.
1942 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1954 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
2025 – 911 welfare check, Harmony Ln.
2132 – domestic, Ash Dr.
2200 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2341 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.

Monday, Aug. 20:
0048 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0232 – property check, Riggs Park
0348 – noise complaint, Marina Dr.
0719 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
0949 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0955 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1040 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd.
/ W. Huron River Dr.
1108 – animal complaint, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds
1109 – private property/property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1118 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lindsey Dr.
1127 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1144 – 911 welfare check, Beacon Trl.
1154 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1420 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1432 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1507 – ordinance violation, Hull Rd.
1509 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
1527 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Haggerty
1828 – found property/child, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1839 – weapons violation, Ash Dr.
1916 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter
2138 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2144 – domestic, Spruce Ln.
2226 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Lake

Tuesday, Aug. 21:
0029 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0123 – assault & battery, Parkwood
0808 – domestic, E. Sadie Ln.
1105 – larceny from auto, Coca Cola Dr.
1115 – larceny from auto, Coca Cola Dr.
1116 – larceny from auto, Coca Cola Dr.
1242 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1254 – animal complaint, Crowley Ave.
1337 – domestic, Outer Dr.
1352 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1449 – suspicious activity report, Village Center Dr.
1613 – trespassing, Sheldon Rd.
1639 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1644 – malicious destruction of property, Denton Rd.
1656 – threat, Burtrig St.
1749 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1756 – traffic offense, McBride
1827 – property damage accident, Belle Pointe Dr.
1949 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
/ Denton Rd.

2351 – trespassing, Belleville Mobil
Wednesday, Aug. 22:
0834 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/Tyler
0851 – private property impound, Old Rawsonville
0902 – fraud, Sumpter Rd.
1218 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lindsay/Belle Pointe
1253 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.
1417 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1510 – personal injury accident, Hannan Rd. / N. Northline Rd.
1538 – malicious destruction of property, Sawgrass
1551 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1649 – disorderly, Assembly St.

1731 – mental subject, Tompkins St.
1755 – traffic offense, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
2021 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
2120 – property check, Riggs Park
2253 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.

Thursday, Aug. 23:
0758 – animal complaint, Wheeler St.
0900 – ordinance violation, Timberview Ct.
0910 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
0944 – found property/child, Rawsonville Rd.
1010 – animal complaint, EB Michigan Ave./bypass
1229 – property damage accident, Michigan Service Dr. / Gilmore St.
1322 – animal complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
1355 – juvenile complaint, Buchanan St.
1412 – personal injury accident, Sumpter Rd.
1422 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1510 – property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.
1518 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1807 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1934 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2046 – suspicious person/vehicle, Locust Dr.
2236 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kouza Ct./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2353 – private property impound, Industrial

Friday, Aug. 24:
0553 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0625 – private property/property damage accident, Village Green Ln.
0842 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
0849 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
0924 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1203 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1406 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
1441 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1526 – private property impound, Lake Point Blvd.
1552 – private property/property damage accident, Van Born
1628 – private property impound, Lake Point Blvd.
1650 – traffic offense, N. I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln.
1652 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1844 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1850 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1928 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2039 – noise complaint, Timberview Ct.
2120 – 911 welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2212 – family trouble, Winchester St.
2226 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.
2247 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 25:
0024 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0205 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0748 – assist other dept., E/Fourth
1030 – family trouble, Tyler Rd.
1342 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1450 – assist citizen, Henry
1514 – traffic offense, Gilmore/Cross
1546 – traffic offense, Locust Dr.
1727 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse
1733 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1757 – traffic offense, McBride Ave./Quirk Rd.
1811 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1842 – shooting, Bemis Rd.
1848 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ironwood Dr.
1953 – lost property/child, Ecorse Rd.
2026 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2112 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2139 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2145 – noise complaint, Anna Dr.
2213 – traffic offense, Maple Dr.
2213 – noise complaint, Ladonna/Chandler
2218 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2338 – noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.

Also on this week's log are 120 traffic stops, 19 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 19:
0050 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River Dr.
0211 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.

1522 – welfare check, Victorian Ln.
1610 – motorist assist, Main St./Denton Rd.
1614 – assist fire dept., W. Thornhill Ct.
1832 – 911 welfare check, S. Aberdeen Ct.
2143 – domestic, N. Liberty St.

Monday, Aug. 20:
0209 – suicidal person, Menlo Park Dr.
0337 – noise complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0755 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
0921 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1103 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1212 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1426 – assault & battery, Main St.
1546 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1556 – harassment call, W. Columbia Ave.
1801 – motorist assist, Main St./N. Liberty St.
2341 – property check, Main St.

Tuesday, Aug. 21:
1241 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1404 – abandoned auto, Main St./Second St.
1750 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Loza Ln.
1800 – found property/child, Estrada
1809 – warrant arrest, Wayne/I-94
1924 – assist citizen, Loza Ln.

Wednesday, Aug. 22:
0714 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
1438 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1655 – bank detail, Main St.
1729 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1758 – fraud, Main St.
1823 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
1952 – juvenile complaint, Loza Ln.
2125 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
2212 – intrusion alarm, South St.

Thursday, Aug. 23:
0623 – malicious destruction of property, Oxford Ct.
0745 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
0946 – court detail, 34th District Court
1414 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
1508 – parking complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1543 – assist citizen, J&T Towing
1843 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln.
1848 – welfare check, Main St.
2145 – miscellaneous complaint, High St. / W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Aug. 24:
0119 – warrant arrest, Main St.
0343 – traffic offense, Main/First
0838 – found property/child, N. Liberty St.
0842 – assist citizen, Savage Road
1246 – suspicious person/vehicle, Light Tower Ct.
1349 – civil matter, Main St.
1444 – road hazard, E. Columbia Ave./Main St.
1631 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.
1651 – welfare check, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1746 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1754 – property damage accident, Church St. / W. Columbia Ave.
1758 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1858 – animal complaint, Main St.
2311 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2322 – miscellaneous complaint, Potter Dr.

Saturday, Aug. 25:
0134 – ordinance violation, Village Park
0145 – traffic offense, Lunch Box
0413 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./Third
0850 – malicious destruction of property, Bay Pointe Dr.

1259 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.
1404 – assist fire dept., S. Aberdeen Ct.
1413 – miscellaneous complaint, Victorian Park
1445 – malicious destruction of property, Henry St.
1655 – 911 welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1844 – threat, Main St.
2025 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2203 – property check, Carmell St.
2204 – juvenile complaint, Harbour Pointe Ct.

Also on this week's log are 41 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 19:
0441 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Judd
1108 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1141 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane
1200 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1737 – threats complaint, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2025 – assist other agency, out of township
2109 – warrant arrest pick up, Judd/Haggerty

Monday, Aug. 20:
0123 --- traffic hazard, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
1053 – larceny, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1242 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire
1410 – breaking & entering, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1859 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis

Tuesday, Aug. 21:
0142 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0244 – well-being check, Carriage Ln.
1002 – ordinance violation, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1501 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
1538 – malicious destruction of property, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1547 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Judd
1641 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1757 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1958 – warrant arrest pick up, Martinsville/Dunn
Wednesday, Aug. 22:
0811 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0931 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.
1010 – mental health commitment, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1221 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1436 – subpoena service, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1451 – subpoena service, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1517 – subpoena service, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1556 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1844 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Bemis
2004 – warrant arrest pick up, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2252 – recovered stolen vehicle, 18000 bl. Morton

Thursday, Aug. 23:
0708 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
0733 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
0846 – subpoena service, out of township
1046 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1110 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1253 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1525 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1744 – suspicious incident, Birch Dr.
1822 – warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Sumpter
2044 – ORV complaint, Harris/Sumpter

Friday, Aug. 24:
0926 – found property, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0929 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
1158 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1418 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.

1910 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2031 – noise complaint, Arkona/Carleton West
2148 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2202 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2225 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
2248 – traffic hazard, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2258 – ordinance violation, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.
2344 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.

Saturday, Aug. 25:
0242 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Kozma
0324 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1006 – citizen assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1057 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1121 – trespassing complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1329 – subpoena service, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1336 – shots fired, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1405 – harassment complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1424 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
1828 – ORV complaint, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
2143 – animal complaint, Stonecrest
2151 – warrant arrest pick up, Rawsonville/Judd
2307 – noise complaint, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
2324 – well-being check, Vermont

Also on this week's log are 12 follow-up investigations, 32 miscellaneous details, 62 patrol checks, and 43 traffic stops.

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Photo courtesy of Dawn Bandy
Charlene (Char) Derrick, at right, was sworn in as the newest member of the Keystone Academy school board by Keystone board secretary Connie Shull at the board meeting held Aug. 14. At left is board president Vesta Losen. Derrick's term is three years, July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

District Library is drop-off point for First Step Baby Shower

Marian Caldwell of Van Buren Township reports that the Belleville Area District Library in downtown Belleville is a drop-off point for donations to the Community Baby Shower to benefit First Step, an organization helping survivors of abuse.

This is for people who cannot attend the shower. The shower will be held from 11:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Trinity Episcopal

Church, 11575 Belleville Road, just south of the I-94 South Service Drive. The event is free and open to women over the age of 17, since this is a delicate matter, Caldwell said. Refreshments will be served.

Speakers Hilary Hitte of First Step and Rev. Markita Primm will give a presentation and answer questions about First Step.

Donations of new, unwrapped items for infants and toddlers are being sought for First Step. Suggestions are: diapers, crib sheets, new clothes, bottles, socks, baby-care products, blankets, and gift certificates.

For more information on the project contact Marian Caldwell at mariancaldwell@yahoo.com

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